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**To:** R3PA1.R3SUPER(LAUSCH-ROBERT)  
**Date:** 3/28/00 8:14am  
**Subject:** Re: Safety Lite Corporation (SLC) Site (PA-2872) -Reply  
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Drew,

It is my understanding that Safety Light, US Radium and the other operator at the site are owned and operated by the same individuals.  
Who are they blaming the VOCs on?

I don't recall if the VOC levels were high enough to trigger a removal.

Steve

**From:** LORA WERNER  
**To:** LAUSCH-ROBERT  
**Date:** 3/31/00 1:36pm  
**Subject:** Safety Lite Corporation (SLC) Site (PA-2872) -Reply -Forwarded  
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Drew, the health consultation on Safety Light is almost complete. I haven't seen a draft yet, though. It focuses on public health issues outside of the facility fenceline. It looks at both radiological and non-radiological contaminants in residential groundwater and available soil data. We have been coordinating with Jeff Dodd on this one. Thanks a lot, Lora

>>> ROBERT LAUSCH 03/27/00 03:44pm >>>  
Steve & Jeff (and Lora) -

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**From:** ROBERT LAUSCH  
**To:** R3RCRA.GOTTHOLD-PAUL  
**Date:** 3/27/00 2:53pm  
**Subject:** Safety Lite Corporation Site (PA-2872)

Paul -

This site scored above the HRS cutoff and was recommended as a high priority for an preparation of an HRS package. However, NPL plans were placed "on hold" since the NRC has been addressing (and will continue to address) contamination. Therefore, although this site would warrant further federal CERCLA involvement (based on the preliminary HRS score), the NRC is overseeing investigations and cleanups. As a result, EPA R3's CERCLA program is tentatively planning to defer this site to the NRC and, if this happened, the CERCLIS data base would be updated accordingly.

I have already determined that there exists a RCRA file for the Safety Lite Corporation (Bloomsburg, Columbia County, PA) in the 11th floor WCMD records center. The RCRA ID # is PAD987387750. Could you or one of your staff let me know via LAN response whether this site is subject to RCRA Corrective Action or is otherwise being addressed under RCRA Subtitle C? Thanks much.

- Drew

**CC:** R3PA2.R3WHEEL.DODD-JEFF

**From:** PAUL GOTTHOLD  
**To:** R3SUPER.LAUSCH-ROBERT, R3HWMD.MCCREARY-JIM  
**Date:** 3/28/00 1:19pm  
**Subject:** Pennwalt Corp/Cornwell Heights/Bucks NPL Caliber Site -Reply  
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Drew- here are a couple of examples for the referral. We can take this thing now, but understand that if Elf balks at doing this work under RCRA, we may need to "refer it back!!" See maureen's messages for more detail.

[ Also, the Safe Light corp is not eligible for RCRA corrective action. so I guess its up to you guys. ]

**CC:** bob, maria

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Drew,

Be aware that PADOH is conducting a Health Consultation on the site. Also note that there were low levels of VOCs in some wells surrounding the facility. The NRC is not requiring SLC to sample these wells for VOCs, they sample for rad waste only. There is a metals facility that shares the lot with SLC which may be a source of the VOCs.

The cleanup that is being conducted by the NRC is a phased plan which can take twenty plus years. In the fall SLC initiated work to remove two underground silos from the site, these containers held rad waste for the facility and were seen as being the main concern of the site. This work would probably utilize all of SLC current financial resources for the cleanup.

There is still rad contaminated soils on site. SLC puts approximately \$7,000 dollars a month in an NRC monitored escrow account, this money is being set aside for future work. At current prices the soil remediation is expected to cost 10+ million dollars. Please call me if you have any questions on the site. I apologize about not getting in touch with you earlier, I just saw the message regarding SLC this morning (3/27). Thanks